(b) Number of students given scholarships from the assistance during this period:—

| Year | Students |
|---|---|
| 2003-04 | 2243 |
| 2004-05 | 2460 |
| 2005-06 | 2704 |

The other areas in which Central assistance was utilized during this period are:—

(i) Payment of Samman Rashi to eminent Sanskrit Pandits in indigent circumstances;

(ii) Payment of teachers' salary under modernization of Sanskrit Pathshalas;

(iii) Organising Teachers' Training Camps:

(iv) Organising workshops for promtion of Sanskrit; and Publication of Sanskrit literature.

(v) Funds released to Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan for maintenance of their two campuses, financial assistance to Voluntary Sanskrit Organisations, Shastra Chudamani etc., and three Adrash Sanskrit Mahavidyalas.

**Technical university for workers**

†1387. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to open technical university for workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether industrial houses have offered to make contribution for developing a university; and

(d) if so, the names of such industrial houses?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) A Committee under the the Chairmanship of Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy has been constituted to study the prospects of establishing a Workers' Technical University which could help address the gap between demand and supply of technically qualified personnel.

**Programme to boost primary education**

1388. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have evolved any official programme to boost primay education in the remote areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Mid-day Meal (MDM) programmes are being implemented by the Central Government in partnership with the States to promote primary education in all parts of the country. The SSA is a comprehensive programme to address universal access, retention and quality of lerarning of children in the 6-14 years age group. The MDM provides for cooked midday meals to children in schools, EGS&AIE centres at the primary level.

**Children under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

1389. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where children are getting elementrary education under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan successfully;

(b) whether it is a fact that the scheme has not been implemented effectively in the State of Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and